

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



FROM: Supervisor John J. Benoit

SUBMITTAL DATE: September 9, 2014

SUBJECT: COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS ACTION

Committee or Board: Coachella Valley Resource Conservation District

RECOMMENDED MOTION: The Board of Supervisors appoint new member to the District:

Type of Nomination: District No. 4

Member: Buford A. Crites
72350 Chapel Hill Drive
Palm Desert, CA 92260
760-774-4830


Joseph P. Pradetto, II
73155 Catalina Way
Palm Desert, CA 92260
951-275-1140

Replaces: Art Schilling and Alfredo Alcocer

Term of Appointment: Remainder of terms ending November 28, 2014.

BACKGROUND/APPOINTEE INFORMATION:

The Coachella Valley Resource Conservation District (CVRCD) promotes the conservation and wise use of natural resources in the Coachella Valley. The CVRCD is a property tax-funded, independent state special district that works through public and private partnerships to assist farmers, homeowners, municipalities, golf course superintendents and other land users conserve soil, water, air, plant and animal resources.


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Fourth District Supervisor

Submittal of the Board of Supervisor, County of Riverside, State of California
FORM 11: Coachella Valley Resource Conservation District
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California resource conservation districts (RCDs) are established, governed and authorized under Division 9 of the Public Resources Code. RCDs work to conduct:

- Watershed planning and management
- Water conservation, quality protection and enhancement
- Agricultural land conservation
- Wetland and wildlife conservation and habitat enhancement
- Recreational land restoration
- Conservation education

The next CVRCD director's meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 17. The acting board chairman of the CVRCD has requested that the board of supervisors act expeditiously to immediately appoint new members to fill the recent vacancies to ensure the continuation of critical district operations.

Two qualified candidates have applied to fill the vacancies, Buford Crites and Joseph Pradetto.

Buford Crites is the chairman of the Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy, a board member of the Colorado River Regional Water Quality Control Board and a consultant for the South Coast Air Quality Management District. He is well respected within the community dedicated to preserving our natural resources and will make an excellent addition to the CVRCD Board of Directors.

Joseph Pradetto serves as a board assistant on my staff. He also serves on the Desert Healthcare District's Program Committee and the City of Palm Desert's Audit and Finance Committee. In recognition of his work in the community, Palm Springs Life recently named him one of the "40 under 40" for 2014. He understands the role of the district, its governing laws and its importance to preserving the Coachella Valley's natural resources. His particular interest is in water conservation, and I recommend his appointment.